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◇ BUILT MY LIFE AROUND DON BROOKS! EVERY THOUGHT, EVERY WORD, EVERY BREATH REFLECTED MY DEVOTION TO HIM! WHY, THEN, WHEN I HAD HIS LOVE, DID I THROW IT ASIDE IN EXCHANGE FOR THE ANGUISH OF LONELY NIGHTS? WHY DID I TURN TO THE ARMS OF ANOTHER MAN, ONLY TO DISCOVER THAT

it was **TOO LATE FOR LOVE**



Don and I were still in our teens when we eloped! And to us, life was a series of good times!

GLAD YOU MARRIED ME, MRS. BROOKS?

I COULDN'T BE HAPPIER, DON! I WISH WE COULD STAY HERE AT YOUR AUNT'S COTTAGE FOREVER!



EASY, PHYLLIS! WE'VE GOT TO BE PRACTICAL NOW THAT WE'RE AN OLD MARRIED COUPLE! I'VE GOT MY JOB AT THE FILLING STATION TO THINK ABOUT!

AND I'LL HAVE TO FIND US A PLACE TO LIVE! WON'T IT BE FUN, DARLING, HAVING A CUTE LITTLE PLACE OF OUR OWN?



How eagerly we planned and how little we knew! Several weeks later, our 'cute little place' was a crummy attic flat...and Don's salary was barely enough to feed us! And we were still gay and carefree!

A BUCK EIGHTY CENTS UNTIL PAYDAY! WE OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO SQUEEZE A MOVIE OUT OF THAT!

SURE! WE CAN HAVE DINNER AT MY FOLKS' TO-MORROW NIGHT! LET'S GO!



YOU'RE MY WONDERFUL, CRAZY WIFE AND I ADORE YOU!

WORDS! WORDS! WHAT ARE WORDS! PROVE IT TO ME!



But eventually the bills began to catch up with us!

GEE! HOW COULD WE HAVE CHARGED UP SIXTY DOLLARS AT THE GROCERY? DARNED IF I KNOW WHERE IT'S COMING FROM!

REMEMBER THOSE TWO NIGHTS THE GANG CAME OVER AND WE WERE BROKE?

THAT'S WHEN IT HAPPENED!



THERE'S ANOTHER PAYMENT DUE ON MY RING, YOU OWE FOUR HUNDRED ON THAT JALOPY YOU BOUGHT, AND...GOSH, MAYBE I OUGHT TO GO BACK TO WORKING AT THE STORE, HONEY!

NOTHING DOING! NO WIFE OF MINE IS GOING TO SELL NOTIONS IN A DIMB-STORE! I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING, PHYLLIS!



Don't thought of something" soon afterward!

SO IF I SELL THE CAR AND WE GO DOWNSTATE WITH JIM, WE'LL HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO GET THE FARM GOING! THAT'S THE LIFE, HONEY! FRESH AIR... RAISE YOUR OWN FOOD!

BUT YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT FARMING! NEITHER DOES YOUR PAL!



NO BUT JIMMY'S FOLKS OWN THE FIVE ACRES AND I'VE GOT IDEAS! WE CAN RAISE RABBITS, MUSHROOMS... HECK I CAN THINK OF A MILLION WAYS TO MAKE MONEY! WHAT DO YOU SAY?

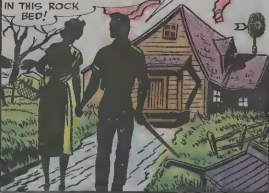
WELL IT CAN'T BE WORSE THAN STARVING IN THIS RAT CAGE! LET'S GIVE IT A WHIRL!



Our big money-making venture on the "farm" hadn't lasted a month before I knew it was a complete failure! But not even hunger could dampen Don's enthusiasm!

DON, YOU'VE SPENT EVERY CENT WE COULD BEG OR BORROW ON THIS PLACE AND NOTHING'S PAID OFF! I CAN'T EVEN GET A VEGETABLE PATCH GOING IN THIS ROCK BED!

PATIENCE, BABY! IT TAKES TIME!



EVEN JIMMY GAVE UP AND WENT BACK TO THE CITY! AND I'M FED UP WITH WRITING TO MOM FOR MONEY TO FEED A LOT OF RABBITS AND PIGEONS!

LISTEN, YOU AGREED TO GIVE IT A FAIR CHANCE, DIDN'T YOU?



I GAVE IT A CHANCE AND IT'S A TOTAL BUST! I WANT TO GO BACK HOME, DON! SOMETIMES I THINK I'LL DIE OF LONELINESS OUT HERE!

YOU'LL GET TO KNOW THE OTHER FARMER'S WIVES! YOU'LL MAKE NEW FRIENDS!



FARMER'S WIVES! WOULDN'T THEY DIE LAUGHING IF THEY COULD SEE THIS PLACE? EVERY DAY A NEW MILLION-DOLLAR IDEA AND THE BILLS KEEP PILING UP!

WHY DON'T YOU COME OUT AND SAY I'M A FAILURE? TELL THE TRUTH! YOU'RE FED UP WITH ME!



MAYBE I AM! I DON'T KNOW WHY I SHOULD DO WITHOUT THE THINGS EVERY OTHER GIRL I KNOW TAKES FOR GRANTED! CLOTHES, A DECENT HOME, A CAR!

I GUESS A HUSBAND THAT LOVES YOU ISN'T ENOUGH! YOU'D BETTER GO BACK, PHYLLIS! BUT YOU'LL GO ALONE!



And that night!

DEAR MOM, I'M SO MISERABLE I CAN'T STAND IT ANY LONGER! COULD YOU AND POP SEND ME BUS FARE? AND PLEASE DON'T MENTION IT IN YOUR LETTER, BECAUSE DON READS THOSE AFTER I OPEN THEM... AND I'D RATHER HE DIDN'T KNOW!



A few days later...

HOWDY, MRS. BROOKS! I SEE THE MISTER SENT FOR SOME NEW CATALOGS. GONNA RAISE HAMSTERS NOW, EH?

I... GUESS SO!

HERE'S THE LETTER FROM MOM! THAT'S ALL I'M INTERESTED IN!



ER... WOULD YOU MIND IF I RODE UP TO TOWN WITH YOU TOMORROW, MR. SHAEFFER? I... HAVE SOME SHOPPING TO DO!

YOU BE READY ABOUT THIS TIME TOMORROW AND I'LL DROP YOU OFF WHEREVER YOU SAY!



Don and I were barely speaking by then, and he was busy with one of his new projects when I left home the next day! By six that evening I was miles away from his hateful "farm"!

POOR DON'S GOING TO BE MISERABLE WHEN HE GETS MY NOTE! BUT MAYBE HE'LL COME TO HIS SENSES NOW AND FOLLOW ME!



But Don didn't follow me... then, or later!

YOU GOT ANOTHER LETTER FROM DON, I SEE! WHEN THAT BOY GOING TO GIVE UP THAT SILLY IDEA AND GET A JOB IN TOWN?

HE DIDN'T SAY! IN FACT, HE'S GOING INTO SOME SORT OF PROJECT WITH ONE OF THE NEIGHBORS!



OH, DON, I CAN'T COME BACK TO YOU! WE'D ONLY FIGHT AND MAKE EACH OTHER MISERABLE! SOBE BUT I LOVE YOU SO... AND I WANT YOU!



Don's letters, begging me to come back came daily at first! Then they became less and less frequent, until finally I didn't hear from him at all!

GOLLY, YOU'RE A FOOL TO WASTE YOUR TIME MOONING OVER THAT NO-GOOD HUSBAND OF YOURS, PHYLLIS! GO OUT AND HAVE SOME FUN!

I CAN'T, BETTY! I CAN'T FORGET HIM!



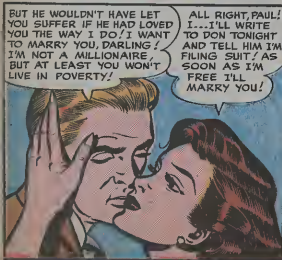
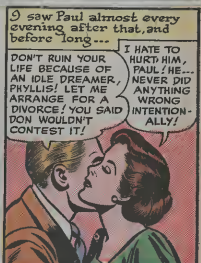
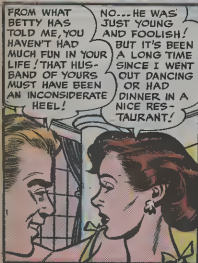
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I figured that any man as handsome and successful as Paul Larsen would have been nabbed by some lucky girl long ago! No wonder I was delighted when he asked me for a date!



I heard from Don soon afterward!

MY DEAREST PHYLLIS, ALTHOUGH IT BREAKS MY HEART, I WOULD BE THE LAST PERSON TO STAND IN YOUR WAY! I KNOW I HAVE FAILED YOU, AND IF SOMEONE CAN MAKE YOU HAPPY YOU HAVE MY BLESSING!



I will do anything that is legally necessary! But even though you don't belong to me, I will always cling to the memory of your love and of what might have been! Good luck, my darling! Your devoted, Don.

And soon...

WE'RE ON OUR WAY, MRS. LARSEN! WAIT'LL YOU SEE THE TERRIFIC HONEYMOON SUITE I'VE RESERVED AT THE SHERRY-RITZ!



WONDERFUL, PAUL! DON AND I SPENT OUR HONEYMOON AT HIS AUNT'S OLD COTTAGE, BUT... SOMEHOW I WAS HAPPIER THEN!

I MUSTN'T THINK ABOUT DON! PAUL'S BEEN TOO GOOD TO ME TO DESERVE THAT! I CAN'T THINK ABOUT ANYTHING EXCEPT BEING A GOOD WIFE TO HIM!



In the year that followed I learned to respect and admire Paul more and more! But even after baby Noreen came to bless our marriage, I couldn't honestly say that I loved him as I had loved Don!

SHE'S A DOLL, PHYLLIS! LOOKS JUST LIKE HER MOTHER, PRAISE BE!

BUT SHE'S GOT YOUR SALES PERSONALITY! NOREEN JUST DOESN'T TAKE NO FOR AN ANSWER, DO YOU, HONEY?



I'M A LUCKY GUY TO HAVE TWO SWEETHEARTS! SOMETIMES IT ALL SEEMS LIKE A WONDERFUL DREAM!

IT'S A DREAM COME TRUE FOR ME, TOO, PAUL! YOU'VE BEEN SO WONDERFUL TO ME AND YOU'RE SUCH AN IDEAL DADDY FOR NOREEN!

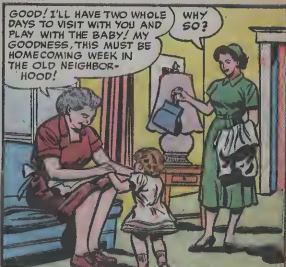
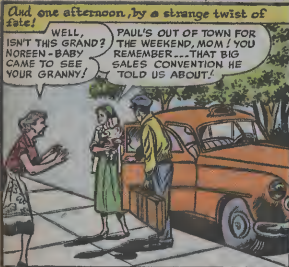


Oh, I was happy enough! But sometimes a wistful longing came over me!

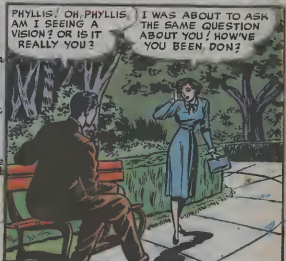
I WONDER WHAT PAUL'S DOING TONIGHT? MAYBE HE'S FALLEN IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE ELSE! HE... MAY EVEN BE MARRIED!



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Don was home... not two blocks away from me! The very mention of his name sent my pulse racing, and was it just coincidence that I met him the next day at our old rendezvous?



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IT'S NEVER TOO LATE WHEN TWO PEOPLE ARE STILL IN LOVE, DARLING! THINK BACK! DON'T YOU REMEMBER WHAT WE MEANT TO EACH OTHER?

DON'T TORTURE ME WITH MEMORIES, DON! IT'S BAD ENOUGH, NOW!

THEN YOU AREN'T HAPPY WITH YOUR HUSBAND! WE COULD START ALL OVER, PHYLLIS...JUST THE WAY IT USED TO BE!

IT'LL NEVER BE THE WAY IT USED TO BE! I'VE MADE A PROMISE, DON! AND I HAVE PAUL'S CHILD TO THINK ABOUT!

HE'D LET YOU GO IF HE KNEW YOU DIDN'T LOVE HIM! OH, PHYLLIS... PHYLLIS! THE NIGHTS I'VE WALKED THE FLOOR, TRYING TO GET YOU OFF MY MIND...TRYING TO FORGET YOUR KISSES!

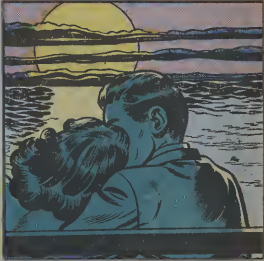
DON... PLEASE DON'T!



My lips said 'don't', but Don's arms were like an irresistible magnet that drew me close to him, crushing the breath from my body!

YOU'RE MINE, PHYLLIS! YOU BELONG TO ME! SAY IT!

YES! YES, DON! I'VE NEVER LOVED ANYONE ELSE!



PROMISE YOU'LL TELL PAUL! CALL HIM OR WRITE HIM TONIGHT... THE WAY YOU WROTE TO ME!

HE'LL BE CRUSHED, DON! AND WHAT IF IT MEANS GIVING UP THE BABY?

HE WON'T ASK YOU TO DO THAT IF HE LOVES YOU, DEAR! NOT WHEN YOU MAKE HIM UNDERSTAND THAT IT'S AGONY FOR US TO BE SEPARATED!

I HOPE I CAN MAKE HIM UNDERSTAND! OH, DON, WHY WAS I SUCH A FOOL? WHY DIDN'T I STAY WITH YOU?



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That night was spent in tormenting confusion!

HOW CAN I ASK PAUL TO PAY THE PRICE FOR MY MISTAKE? AND YET I CAN'T BEAR THE THOUGHT OF GOING THROUGH LIFE WITHOUT DON! I'VE GOT TO HAVE HIS LOVE!



And the next morning, I made a reckless decision!

DON'S RIGHT! I CAN'T SPEND MY LIFE WITH ANOTHER MAN WHEN I'M IN LOVE WITH HIM! BUT I CAN'T FACE PAUL! I'LL HAVE TO PHONE HIM AND BREAK THE NEWS AS GENTLY AS POSSIBLE!

LOOK WHAT JUST CAME FOR YOU, PHYLLIS!



ROSES! OH, AREN'T THEY LOVELY?

"TO THE TWO GIRLS WHO MAKE LIFE WORTH LIVING! SEE YOU MONDAY! ALL MY LOVE... PAUL."



PHYLLIS... WHAT'S WRONG? YOU AREN'T CRYING?

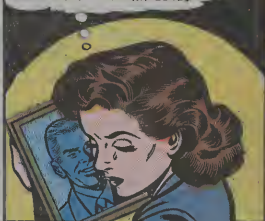
NO, I... I'M JUST SENTIMENTAL THAT'S ALL! AND... KIND OF LONESOME FOR PAUL!



Thank heaven for that message!

"To the two girls who make life worth living! Then and there I realized that I had no right to play the same cruel trick twice!"

I RUINED DON'S LIFE AND MY OWN! BUT I OWE PAUL MY LOYALTY, EVEN IF I CAN'T GIVE HIM MY LOVE!



And later that day...

MAYBE DON WILL UNDERSTAND FROM MY LETTER WHY WE HAVEN'T THE RIGHT TO OUR LOVE! AND MAYBE IN TIME WE'LL... FORGET EACH OTHER!



My heart was heavy as I walked home from posting the letter to Don. But I knew that I had done the honorable thing! Perhaps my reward will be a closer bond with my husband that will one day equal the love I cast aside!



VICTORY In His Arms

I LOVED GAR MITCHELL MORE THAN LIFE ITSELF! BUT HOW COULD I LET HIM HOLD ME IN HIS ARMS, HOW COULD I RESPOND TO HIS KISSES, WHEN I KNEW THAT HIS LIPS HAD GLORIFIED SOMETHING I HATED WITH A PASSION?



I'LL NEVER FORGET HOW MISERABLE I FELT THE DAY GAR WAS CALLED INTO SERVICE!

THE BOSS MADE A PATRIOTIC SPEECH WHEN I SHOWED HIM MY LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT! TO HEAR HIM YOU'D WONDER IF THIS PLACE COULD CARRY ON WITHOUT ME!

I DON'T CARE ABOUT THIS PLACE, GAR! I'M WONDERING HOW I'M GOING TO GET ALONG WITHOUT YOU!



OH, IT WON'T BE FOR LONG! I'LL SEE SOME OF THE WORLD AND WRITE YOU A FLOCK OF INTERESTING LETTERS! WE'LL HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL OUR GRANDCHILDREN ABOUT SOMEDAY!

SOMEDAY! IF YOU COME BACK! IF WE EVER GET MARRIED! OH, GAR, HOW CAN YOU BE SO CHEERFUL ABOUT IT?



WELL, IT'S NOT A TRAGEDY, JOAN! WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING IT, HAVEN'T WE? A MAN NEEDS A LITTLE ADVENTURE TO BREAK UP THE MONOTONY!

IT WASN'T AN ADVENTURE WHEN MY KID BROTHER WAS KILLED AT ANZIO! I DON'T WANT TO DEPRESS YOU, GAR, BUT DON'T MAKE A PICNIC OF IT!



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AND A FEW WEEKS LATER!

GOODBYE, MY DARLING! WRITE TO ME... REMEMBER ME! I'LL BE THINKING OF YOU AND PRAYING FOR YOU ALWAYS!

SURE, BABY, SURE! AND STOP THINKING THIS IS THE END! IT'S JUST AN INTERRUPTION, THAT'S ALL!



BE A GOOD GIRL! I'LL SEND YOU MY SNAP-SHOT WHEN THEY MAKE ME A GENERAL!

OH, GAR, WHY DO YOU ACT LIKE IT'S SUCH A GLORIOUS ADVENTURE? IF ALL MEN STOPPED THINKING THAT WAY, THERE'D BE NO MORE WARS!



I HAD SEEN TOO MUCH HEARTBREAK TO SHARE GAR'S CAREFREE SPIRIT! I HAD BEEN WITH MY BROTHER'S WIFE WHEN SHE GOT THAT FATEFUL LETTER TELLING HER DANNY WOULDN'T BE BACK! BUT MY LUCK WAS BETTER, FOR SOON AFTER-WARD!

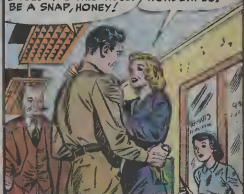
GAR! OH, GAR, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! YOU DIDN'T WRITE ANYTHING ABOUT A FURLOUGH!

NO FURLOUGH, PRINCESS! I'M STATIONED AT FORT RICE! PRACTICALLY IN YOUR BACK YARD!



THE C.O. FOUND OUT I'M A CRACK RIFLE SHOT AND THEY'VE GOT ME TEACHING CLASSES, IMAGINE! I TOLD YOU THIS WOULD BE A SNAP, HONEY!

OH, DARLING, I HOPE IT LASTS! WE'LL BE TOGETHER AND YOU'LL BE SAFE! IT'S WONDERFUL!



IT WAS LIKE HEAVEN, BEING ABLE TO SEE GAR ALMOST EVERY WEEKEND! BUT I COULDN'T HELP BEING ANNOYED BY HIS NEW LINE OF CONVERSATION!

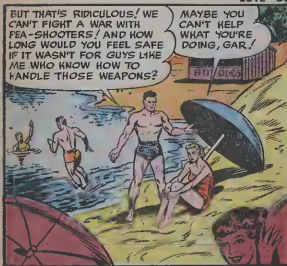
THAT THOMPSON SUB-MACHINE GUN WAS CHILD'S PLAY AFTER TWO WEEKS WITH THOSE BAZOOKAS! THOSE BABIES KICK LIKE ARMY MULES!



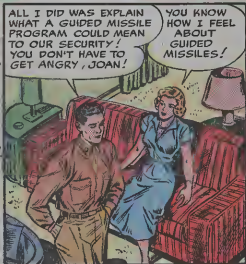
YOU'RE INTERESTED IN WHAT I'M DOING, AREN'T YOU?

BUT ALL YOU TALK ABOUT IS WEAPONS! GUNS, BOMBS, BULLETS! THEY'RE USED TO KILL PEOPLE, GAR! I HATE THE VERY THOUGHT OF THEM!



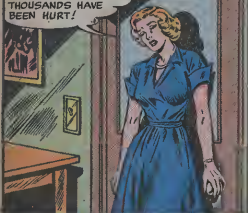


No, I WASN'T VERY REALISTIC, BUT I KNEW THAT GAR AND I COULD NEVER AGREE AS LONG AS HE REMAINED ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE THING I DESPISED! AND IT SEEMED THAT HE BEGAN TO GROW MORE AND MORE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT ARMY LIFE AND WARFARE UNTIL ONE NIGHT...



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OH, GAR, WHY DIDN'T YOU TRY TO UNDERSTAND ME? I SOB. I LOVE YOU... I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU HURT LIKE SO MANY THOUSANDS HAVE BEEN HURT!



OH, I HAD WANTED GAR TO DO WHAT-EVER DUTY DEMANDED OF HIM! BUT HOW I PRAYED THAT WOMEN THE WORLD OVER WOULD HAVE MY ATTITUDE! MEN WOULDN'T FIGHT IF WE WOMEN DIDN'T MAKE HEROES OF THEM!

MAYBE GAR WILL REALIZE THAT I SAID THOSE THINGS ONLY BECAUSE I LOVE HIM! HE'LL BE SORRY WE ARGUED AND COME BACK SOON!



BUT AS THE WEEKS WENT BY WITHOUT A WORD FROM GAR!

STILL SEEING OUR TOP SALESMAN, MISS STANLEY? ASK HIM TO DROP BY AND LET US SEE HIM IN UNIFORM, WILL YOU?

Y-YES, I WILL! THE... NEXT TIME I SEE HIM, MR. CRAMER!



IF THAT BOY FIGHTS AS HARD AS HE SELLS INSURANCE, PITY THE POOR ENEMY, EH? HA, HA!

I HOPE HE NEVER HAS TO FIGHT.

I HATE TO ADMIT I HAVEN'T SEEN GAR IN NEARLY A MONTH. OH, WHY DOESN'T HE CALL ME?



AND ONE DAY...

I'LL BET YOU'RE REALLY SINGING THE BLUES ABOUT GAR, AREN'T YOU, JOAN? HAVE YOU HEARD FROM HIM YET?

HEARD FROM HIM? ER... NO, I HAVEN'T!



WELL, MY BOYFRIEND TOLD ME GAR'S OUTFIT HAD BEEN SENT TO A PORT OF EMBARKATION! I COULDN'T HELP FEELING SORRY FOR YOU! I GUESS THAT'S WHY WE HAVEN'T SEEN GAR AROUND, EH?

Y-YES, THAT'S WHY!

HE'S GOING OVERSEAS! AND WE PARTED WITHOUT EVEN A GOODBYE KISS... AS THOUGH WE MEANT NOTHING TO EACH OTHER!



I KNOW NOW WHY GAR HASN'T CALLED! BUT IF HE STILL LOVED ME, HE'D WRITE! I GUESS IT'S ALL OVER, EXCEPT THAT... I STILL LOVE HIM!



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AND THE NEXT MORNING...

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO STAY LONG, MISS STANLEY! WE CAN'T AFFORD TO UPSET HIM!

JOAN! JOAN... IS IT REALLY YOU?



OH, GAR, WHY DIDN'T YOU WRITE? WHY DIDN'T I KNOW WHERE YOU WERE? OR HOW YOU FELT ABOUT... US?

WHAT COULD I HAVE WRITTEN ABOUT, JOAN? BULLETS! GUNS! BOMBS! THAT'S ALL WAR IS, YOU KNOW!



BUT YOU WEREN'T FIGHTING BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO! I KNOW THAT NOW! YOU WERE THINKING OF OUR LIVES TOGETHER, AND WHAT THEY'D BE LIKE IF WE WEREN'T FREE TO LIVE AND LOVE AS WE CHOOSE!



OH, GAR, DO YOU UNDERSTAND NOW WHAT I WANT... FOR OURSELVES... FOR THE GENERATIONS THAT FOLLOW US?

I UNDERSTAND, JOAN! AND I THINK NOW YOU KNOW WHY I WENT AWAY AND... WHY I CAME BACK HATING THE SOUND OF WAR!



YOU'D BETTER COME ALONG NOW, MISS!

I'LL BE BACK, DARLING! THIS TIME I'M ASKING YOU TO WAIT FOR ME! BUT I'LL ALWAYS BE NEARBY!



IT TOOK WEEKS TO BRING THE SMILE BACK TO GAR'S LIPS AND TO ERASE THE BITTER, UGLY MEMORIES FROM HIS MIND! BUT GRADUALLY WE LEARNED THAT OUR DIFFERENCES WERE NOT GREATER THAN OUR LOVE! AND ONE GLORIOUS DAY...

GOODBYE... AND GOOD LUCK!

WE'VE FOUND OUR GOOD LUCK, NURSE! WE'RE BACK TOGETHER AGAIN!



FOREVER AND ALWAYS, JOAN? BECAUSE OTHERWISE THE LESSON WE'VE LEARNED WON'T MEAN ANYTHING!

FOREVER, MY DEAREST... AND ALWAYS!



THE PRIZE WAS A KING'S RANSOM IN MONEY, AND MORE....IT WAS HONOR AND PASSION AND ALL THE FLAMING, PULSATING THRILLS OF A WHOLE LIFE-TIME! YET ALL WHO ENTERED THE RACE OF CHANCE KNEW THAT ONLY ONE COULD WIN, AND....

WINNER TAKE ALL



NICE DAY, CHRISTY ! I HOPE IT'S THIS WAY FOR THE NATIONAL !

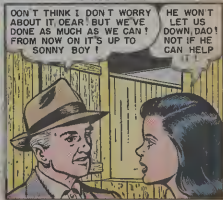
GOSH, DAO, HOW CAN YOU BE SO CALM ? I'M AS SHAKY AS A NEW COLT WHEN I THINK OF WHAT WE HAVE TIED UP IN THE RACE !

Sonny Boy, our horse, was all we had left after some financial reverses ! If he didn't win, we'd lose what little we had now !

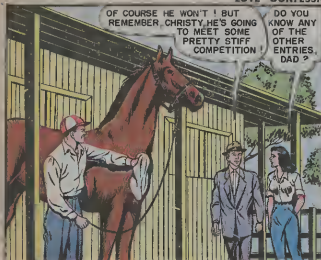
DON'T THINK I DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, DEAR ! BUT WE'VE DONE AS MUCH AS WE CAN ! FROM NOW ON IT'S UP TO SONNY BOY !

HE WON'T LET US DOWN, DAO ! NOT IF HE CAN HELP !

It was three weeks before the Grand National and I, Christy Kimball, was as excited as any girl whose father was entering a horse could be !

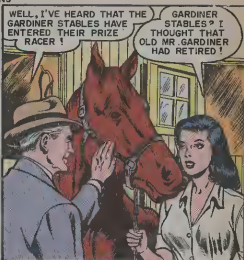


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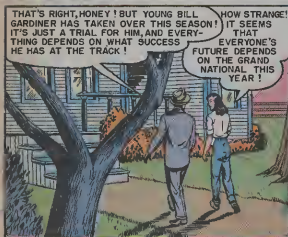
OF COURSE HE WON'T! BUT REMEMBER, CHRISTY, HE'S GOING TO MEET SOME PRETTY STIFF COMPETITION!

DO YOU KNOW ANY OF THE OTHER ENTRIES, DAD?



WELL, I'VE HEARD THAT THE GARDINER STABLES HAVE ENTERED THEIR PRIZE RACER!

GARDINER STABLES? I THOUGHT THAT OLD MR. GARDINER HAD RETIRED!



THAT'S RIGHT, HONEY! BUT YOUNG BILL GARDINER HAS TAKEN OVER THIS SEASON! IT'S JUST A TRIAL FOR HIM, AND EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON WHAT SUCCESS HE HAS AT THE TRACK!

HOW STRANGE! IT SEEMS THAT EVERYONE'S FUTURE DEPENDS ON THE GRAND NATIONAL THIS YEAR!

Excitement at the National ran high... there were balls and parties before the race, and at one of these, I suddenly heard a familiar name!



WELL, IF IT ISN'T BILL GARDINER!

BILL GARDINER? THAT'S THE NAME DAD MENTIONED!

As Bill Gardiner's friend said goodbye and moved away I became increasingly aware of Bill's eyes upon me!

His gaze was as thrilling as a caress, and I could feel my skin begin to burn under the warmth of it!

PARDON ME, BUT HAVEN'T WE MET? AND IF WE HAVEN'T, SHOULDN'T WE?

I DON'T KNOW, MR. GARDINER. IS IT ADVISABLE FOR COMPETITORS TO MEET?

WHO'D EVER BE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO TRY TO COMPETE WITH SUCH A LOVELY LADY, MISS... ER?

KIMBALL! CHRISTY! KIMBALL! NOW DO YOU UNDERSTAND?



OF COURSE, POP KIMBALL'S DAUGHTER! WELL, THE JOKE'S ON ME, CHRISTY! BUT I'M GAME IF YOU ARE... SHAKE?

YOU BET, BILL! AND I'M GLAD TO KNOW YOU! DAD SAYS YOU'VE DONE A WONDERFUL JOB!



LOVE CONFESSIONS



WELL, I HOPE IT'S 6000
ENOUGH TO WIN THIS RACE!
THAT'S TO BE MY TEST,
YOU KNOW!

6000 LUCK, THEN... BUT
NOT TOO MUCH! WE'LL
NEED SOME
OURSELVES!

As the
hours flew
by, I felt
myself
falling ever
deeper under
the spell of
Bill Gardiner's
charm!

MAY I TAKE YOU HOME, CHRISTY?
EVEN RIVALS FOR THE GRAND
NATIONAL CAN BE FRIENDS
YOU KNOW!

OF COURSE,
BILL!



Many nights
thereafter Bill
took me home
from wonderful
evenings! Dad
liked him, but
Sondy Owen,
Dad's assistant
whom I had
dated several
times, became
sullen as I
began to see
Bill more
often!

YOU'RE NOT FALLING FOR THAT GUY,
ARE YOU? REMEMBER THAT DESPITE
HIS SWEET TALK, HE'S RUNNING
AGAINST US!

WHY, SANDY?
WHAT A THING TO
SAY! BILL AND I
ARE JUST FRIENDS!



I was telling the truth then, but
our friendship was short-lived...
only, however, because it ripened
into love!

CHRISTY, I'M NOT SO SURE ANY
MORE THAT THE GRAND NATIONAL
IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING
IN MY LIFE!

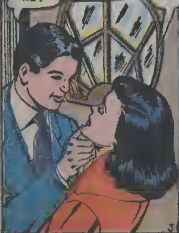
NO,
BILL?



MY DARLING! I'VE
THOUGHT OF NOTHING BUT
YOU SINCE THE MOMENT
WE MET! WILL YOU MARRY
ME?

OH,
BILL,
YES!
YES!

Bill's blazing eyes set
off fires in me and his
kiss added fuel to the
flames...



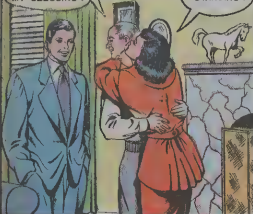
WE'D
BETTER TELL DAD THAT I'M SWITCHING TO
AN ENEMY CAMP... BUT I WON'T
DESERT 'TIL AFTER THE
RACE, BILL!

ANYTHING
YOU SAY!



MARRY? WELL, WELL! YOU'VE PICKED UP A SPITFIRE, BILL, BUT IF YOU REALLY WANT HER, YOU HAVE MY BLESSING!

OH, DAD, YOU'RE SO UNDERSTANDING!



OKAY, HONEY! GOOD LUCK... BUT I HOPE YOUR TRUST ISN'T MISPLACED!

NOW WHAT CAN HE MEAN BY THAT?

I KNOW THAT BILL IS A COMPETITOR, BUT HE LOVES ME AND THAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT THING! I'VE NO REASON TO DOUBT HIM!



Which was more than I could say for Sandy, whose angry face darkened when he heard the news!

YOU'RE SURE THIS IS WHAT YOU WANT, CHRISTY?

OF COURSE, SANDY! NOW CONGRATULATE ME, OR I'LL FEEL GAD!



So I brushed the uneasiness from my mind, and tried to forget Sandy's gloomy words!

GOSH, I WISH WE WERE GOING TO BE MARRIED BEFORE THE RACE! SURE YOU WON'T CHANGE YOUR MIND, DARLING!

SORRY, BILL! DAD AND I HAVE WORKED ON THIS RACE FOR A LONG TIME TOGETHER... I WANT TO STICK IT OUT 'TIL WE WIN!



DON'T, CHRISTY! DON'T COUNT ON WINNING TOO MUCH! YOU'RE ONLY COURTING HEARTBREAK!

I'M NOT COUNTING ON IT, BUT I CAN DREAM, CAN'T I?

I may have been my imagination, but at my words, I thought I saw Bill wince!



SURE, HONEY! GO AHEAD, BUT I WANT TO BE SOMEWHERE AROUND IN THOSE DREAMS!

YOU'RE MY ORIGINAL DREAM MAN, BILL!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

I was modly in love and the whole world was rosy, until suddenly ---

CHRISTY, COME QUICK! SOMEONE OPENED SONNY BOY'S STALL DOOR LAST NIGHT AND HE HAS A CHILL!

HOW COULD THAT HAVE HAPPENED? EVERYONE HERE KNOWS BETTER THAN TO DO THAT!



DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSIONS, THEN! AND DON'T SAY I DIDN'T WARN YOU!

IT COULDN'T BE TRUE! I DON'T BELIEVE IT! WHY WOULD HE DO A THING LIKE THAT?

BECAUSE MR. GARDINER'S OUT TO WIN THIS RACE, TOO --- AND HE'S NOT TOO PARTICULAR ABOUT HOW HE DOES IT!

YOU'RE WRONG, SANDY! I'LL ASK BILL TO DENY IT AND PROVE IT TO YOU!



On our next date:

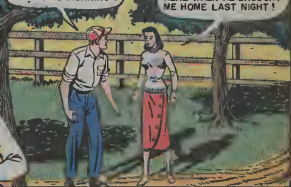
WHAT'S WRONG, CHRISTY HONEY? YOU LOOK WORRIED!

OH, BILL, THE WORST THING HAPPENED! SONNY BOY JUST MISSED GETTING SICK BECAUSE SOMEONE DELIBERATELY LEFT HIS STALL DOOR OPEN! SANDY'S SO SUSPICIOUS, HE'S READY TO BLAME ANYONE!



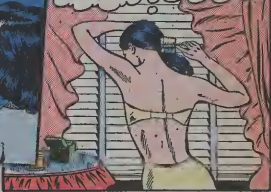
EVERYONE HERE... BUT MAYBE IT WAS SOMEONE ELSE! I NOTICED TIRE TRACKS IN THE STABLE YARD THIS MORNING!

BUT, SANDY, BILL WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO DROVE IN HERE WHEN HE BROUGHT ME HOME LAST NIGHT!



But the seeds of doubt had been effectively planted in my confused mind!

THERE'S NO DENYING THAT BILL HAS A LARGE STAKE IN THE GRAND NATIONAL! WINNING IT WOULD MEAN A LOT TO HIM, BUT... OH, WHAT NONSENSE! I'LL JUST ASK HIM TO TELL SANDY HE'S WRONG, AND ONCE I HEAR HIM SAY IT, I CAN FORGET IT!



WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY, CHRISTY?

WELL, THIS SOUNDS SO SILLY --- BUT IF YOU COULD JUST DENY THAT YOU EVER WENT NEAR THE STABLE I'D FEEL SO MUCH BETTER!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

Bill's eyes flashed angrily at the injustice of my request, and I was tempted to weaken, but my pride held me back!

IT DOES SOUND SILLY... MAKING ME DENY SOMETHING YOU KNOW I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH!

I WANT TO BELIEVE IN YOU, BILL, BUT HOW CAN I IF YOU WON'T EVEN TAKE THE TROUBLE TO SAY IT?

IF YOU DON'T TRUST ME ANY MORE THAN THAT, PERHAPS WE'VE MADE A MISTAKE!

THE ONLY MISTAKE I MADE WAS IN NOT BELIEVING SANDY!

NOW YOU'VE SHOWN ME YOUR TRUE COLORS! I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN, BILL GARDINER!

CHRISTY, WAIT!



But Bill's delayed attempts at reconciliation did no good... I was hurt too badly! So, inevitably it was Sandy who consoled me!

HOW COULD HE LOOK YOU IN THE EYE AND DENY WHAT'S TRUE? AW, C'MON, BUCK UP, BABY! I'M STILL AROUND, AND WE CAN PICK UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF!

PLEASE, SANDY, N-NOT NOW!

THERE, THERE NOW, HONEY! YOU'RE WELL RID OF THAT HEEL! STRINGING YOU ALONG LIKE THAT AND THEN TRYING TO WRECK SONNY BOY'S CHANCES... TO SAVE HIS OWN JOB!

I STILL CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY HE WOULDN'T DENY IT!



YOU KNOW I'M CRAZY ABOUT YOU, CHRISTY! DON'T BE THAT WAY, BABY!

SANDY, DON'T! YOU'RE HURTING MY ARM!



Suddenly out of the night streamed Bill's car, screeching to a stop in front of our house... and in the bright moonlight, I could see the malice gleam in Sandy's eyes!

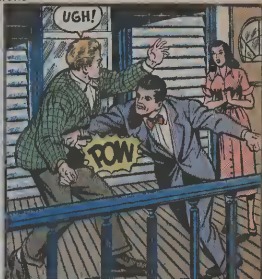
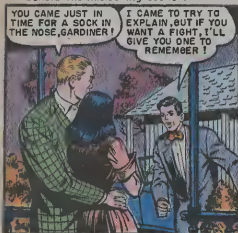
WELL, HERE COMES PRINCE CHARMING AGAIN, JUST IN TIME TO MAKE THE RESCUE! I'LL SHOW HIM A THING OR TWO!

NO, SANDY! PLEASE DON'T FIGHT!



Bill's face looked crushed as he beheld the misleading scene!

In the excitement that followed, I forgot Bill's original words... I only knew that he seemed to go mad with jealousy!



YOU'VE KILLED HIM! HE ISN'T DEAD, JUST OUT COLO! BUT HE HAS HAD A NASTY CRACK! YOU'D BETTER CALL A DOCTOR!

The doctor came, and Bill stood silent and white, as he spoke!

And then, without warning, Sandy's head crocked back onto the porch and he was terribly still!



I'LL HAVE TO CALL THE POLICE, MR. GARDINER! THIS MAN IS SERIOUSLY INJURED AND WE'LL HAVE TO GET HIM TO A HOSPITAL!



In a little while...

WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE MR. GARDINER WITH US UNTIL WE KNOW HOW MR. OWEN WILL BE! IN THE MEANTIME, WOULD YOU BRING SOME OF MR. OWEN'S THINGS DOWN TO THE HOSPITAL, MISS KIMBALL!

SOS!

YES, I WILL, OFFICER!

Anguished, I raced to Sandy's quarters and started to pack his belongings into a suitcase!

POOR SANDY! HE FOUGHT FOR ME! IF ONLY... WHY WHAT'S THIS?



I had pulled forth a wad of money and a note which fell open in my hands!

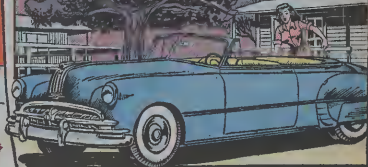
"HERE'S THE DOUGH FOR THE JOB YOU DID ON THE KIMBALL NAG! SEE THAT YOU FINISH THE JOB BEFORE THE RACE IF YOU WANT THE REST!"



LOVE CONFESSIONS

AND IT'S SIGNED BY SKIP CASEY, THE RACETRACK GAMBLER! THIS MEANS THAT IT WAS SANDY WHO WAS TRYING TO SABOTAGE SONNY BOY... AND NOT BILL! OH, WHAT HAVE I DONE?

I MUST GET DOWN TO THE POLICE STATION WITH THIS, AND SHOW THEM THAT IT WAS SANDY WHO WAS IN THE WRONG! IF ONLY BILL WILL FORGIVE ME!



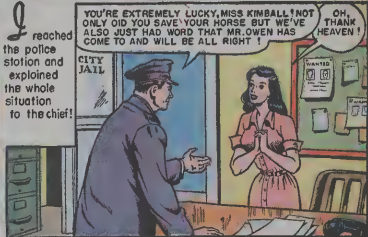
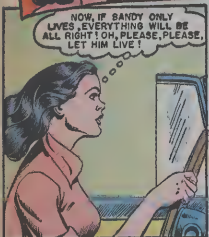
NOW, IF SANDY ONLY LIVES, EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT! OH, PLEASE, PLEASE, LET HIM LIVE!

I reached the police station and explained the whole situation to the chief!

YOU'RE EXTREMELY LUCKY, MISS KIMBALL! NOT ONLY DID YOU SAVE YOUR HORSE BUT WE'VE ALSO JUST HAD WORD THAT MR. OWEN HAS COME TO AND WILL BE ALL RIGHT!

OH, THANK HEAVEN!

CITY JAIL



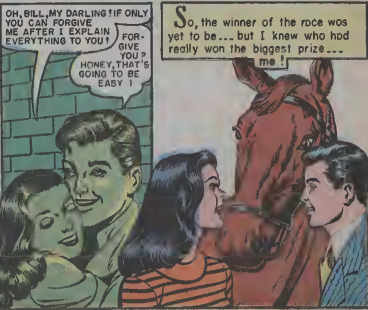
AND NOW, I THINK WE CAN LET MR. GARDINER GO! WE'LL PAROLE HIM IN YOUR CARE SO HE WON'T GET INTO ANY MORE TROUBLE!

CHRISTY, WHAT'S HAPPENED? I DON'T UNDERSTAND! IS SANDY OKAY?

OH, BILL, MY DARLING! IF ONLY YOU CAN FORGIVE ME AFTER I EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO YOU!

FORGIVE YOU? HONEY, THAT'S GOING TO BE EASY!

So, the winner of the race was yet to be... but I knew who had really won the biggest prize... me!



Counterfeit Happiness

I SHOULD have known what I was getting into when I started dating Martie Franks. He was a notorious character around the city, classed by the police as a small-time hood. But I thought I knew differently. Martie was big-time. He was behind the gambling syndicate and his income made my eyes open wide. I thought Martie was clever and wonderful and I thought I loved him.

I was Sandra Wallack, a cigarette girl in the swank Gala Club when I saw Martie for the first time. He was handsome, in a dark, smoldering way and I found myself returning to his table constantly, calling "Cigarettes, cigars," in the hope that I might catch his eye. It worked. From then on I was Martie's girl and everybody knew it. I got my first jolt one night after Martie had left me, still warm and rapturously happy from his lingering embrace. I switched on the lights in my apartment to discover two men, detectives, seated in the living room. They questioned me closely about Martie's activities and I played dumb. When they left, I felt proud of myself. I was a smart cookie, as Martie had called me so often. I called Martie immediately and when I told him what had happened, he snapped at me with a viciousness that startled me. "Get off the phone, stupid," he snarled. "They're probably outside your door listening to every word." I gasped my surprise as I hung up, then I hurriedly went to the door. Martie was right. The detectives were just turning the corner of the hall.

The next day Martie apologized tenderly and forgot his flare-up of the night before as I

sank blissfully back into the false security of his love. As happened occasionally, Martie asked me to come to his apartment to witness some papers. I signed them and then waited eagerly for Martie to name the night spot we would hit that evening. Instead he surprised me. "I've got to make a trip to the coast, honey," he said smoothly. "Only be gone a couple of days and when I get back, we'll do the town." I couldn't hide my disappointment, but Martie was evidently prepared for that because he produced a lovely, jeweled bracelet which he clasped around my wrist. "Just so you know how I feel about you, kid," he purred. He wouldn't let me come to the airport with him, "No tears," he said, as he kissed me goodbye.

I returned to my apartment, in seventh heaven, sure that soon I'd be Mrs. Martie Franks.

My dreams were short-lived, however, because the following day I was taken into custody by the police. It seems that all the papers I "witnessed" were actually papers connected with the syndicate that named me as controller. And the bracelet turned out to be "hot," as the police say, it had been stolen in a recent, sensational robbery. Martie wasn't found on the coast, he had sailed for South America and had to be extradited to face charges. It has taken me months to clear myself with the authorities, but it will take me years to overcome my sense of shame and humiliation at being misled by the foolish aura of glamour with which I surrounded the hoodlum I mistakenly thought I loved. I only hope that passing time will allow me to overcome my reputation as a "gangster's moll."

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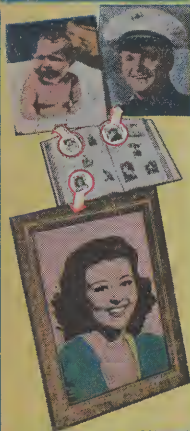
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LOVE CONFESSIONS

I LOOKED FORWARD TO THE APPLAUSE AND THE MONEY THAT WOULD FOLLOW REID LEWIS' SUCCESS AS A COMPOSER! BUT I WASN'T PREPARED TO WAIT THROUGH THE DISCOURAGING MONTHS IN WHICH HE' STRUGGLED FOR RECOGNITION! I COULDN'T BEAR TO LIVE WITHOUT HIS KISSES, EVEN THOUGH HIS LIPS HAD PRESSED AGAINST MY FOREHEAD AND MURMURED,

Believe In Me, Darling



I THINK THE DAY REID GOT HIS DISCHARGE PAPERS FROM THE ARMY WAS THE HAPPIEST DAY IN MY LIFE!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, ARLISS! INSTEAD OF BUGLE CALLS, I'LL BE LISTENING TO A PIANO AGAIN, COMPOSING AGAIN!

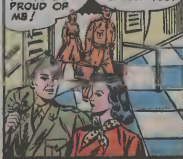
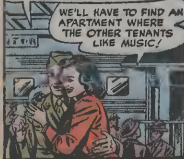
WE'LL HAVE TO FIND AN APARTMENT WHERE THE OTHER TENANTS LIKE MUSIC!

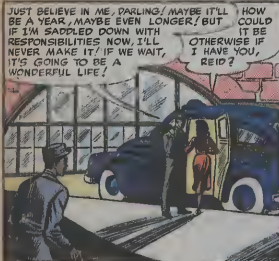
NOT JUST YET, DEAR! OH, WE COULD GET MARRIED TO-MORROW, BUT I WANT TO MAKE A NAME FOR MYSELF FIRST! I WANT YOU TO BE PROUD OF ME!

I...SUPPOSE YOU WANT TO FINISH THAT MUSICAL COMEDY SCORE! THE ONE YOU WERE WORKING ON WHEN UNCLE SAM CALLED YOU!

RIGHT YOU ARE! IF IT'S PRODUCED... IF IT'S A HIT, YOU'LL BE MARRYING A SUCCESS AND LIVING IN STYLE! THAT'S WORTH WAITING FOR, ISN'T IT?

YOU'D BE WORTH WAITING FOR UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, REID! BUT IT WON'T BE EASY!





JUST BELIEVE IN ME, DARLING! MAYBE IT'LL BE A YEAR, MAYBE EVEN LONGER! BUT IF I'M SADDLED DOWN WITH RESPONSIBILITIES NOW, I'LL NEVER MAKE IT! IF WE WAIT, IT'S GOING TO BE A WONDERFUL LIFE!

HOW COULD IT BE OTHERWISE IF I HAVE YOU, REID?

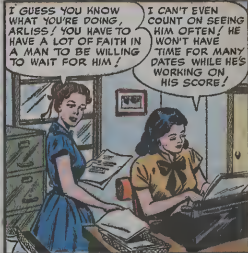


Reid's
KISS LEFT ME BREATHLESS, WONDERING HOW WE COULD BEAR TO BE SO CLOSE TOGETHER AND AND YET POSTPONE THE DAY WHEN WE WOULD REALLY BELONG TO EACH OTHER! BUT I WAS SO ANXIOUS TO PLEASE HIM! AND I LOOKED FORWARD, TOO, TO HIS SUCCESS!



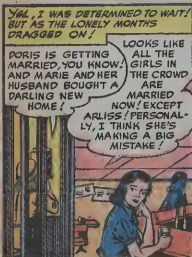
BUT SUPPOSE IT TAKES YEARS BEFORE REID MAKES THE GRADE AS A COMPOSER? AND WORSE STILL WHAT IF HE FAILS?

HE WON'T FAIL! SOMEDAY WHEN HE'S FAMOUS AND WE HAVE MONEY, YOU'LL SEE WHY I WAITED!



I GUESS YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING, ARLISS! YOU HAVE TO HAVE A LOT OF FAITH IN A MAN TO BE WILLING TO WAIT FOR HIM!

I CAN'T EVEN COUNT ON SEEING HIM OFTEN! HE WON'T HAVE TIME FOR MANY DATES WHILE HE'S WORKING ON HIS SCORE!



YET, I WAS DETERMINED TO WAIT! BUT AS THE LONELY MONTHS DRAGGED ON!

DORIS IS GETTING MARRIED, YOU KNOW, AND MARIE AND HER HUSBAND BOUGHT A DARLING NEW HOME!

LOOKS LIKE ALL THE GIRLS IN THE CROWD ARE MARRIED NOW! EXCEPT ARLISS! PERSONALLY, I THINK SHE'S MAKING A BIG MISTAKE!



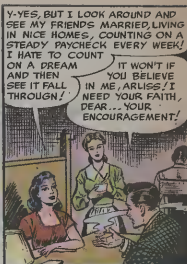
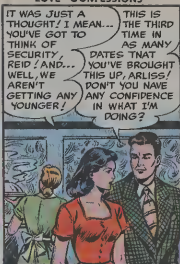
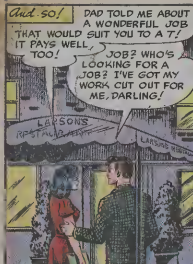
SHE'LL WAIT FOR THAT BUDDING GENIUS UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE AND THEN HE'LL PROBABLY LEAVE HER HIGH AND DRY!

WHAT IF THE GIRLS ARE RIGHT? MAYBE REID'S BIG MUSICAL IS JUST A PIPE DREAM! MAYBE I'LL NEVER HAVE A HOME AND FAMILY!



I HAVEN'T EVEN SEEN REID IN A WEEK! HOW DO I KNOW HE HASN'T CHANGED HIS MIND ABOUT ME? I WISH I HADN'T MADE THAT PROMISE TO WAIT!

LOVE CONFESSIONS



I TRIED TO AGREE WITH YOU, AND TO LOOK FORWARD TO HIS SUCCESS AND WHAT IT WOULD MEAN TO OUR FUTURE! BUT THE DIM PROMISE OF FAME AND FORTUNE WEREN'T ENOUGH TO COMPENSATE FOR THOSE LONELY EVENINGS! AND ONE NIGHT...



And THAT NIGHT! I WAS SO SURE REID WOULD CHANGE HIS MIND IF I THREATENED TO WALK OUT ON HIM! BUT HE DIDN'T CARE! HIS MUSIC MEANS MORE TO HIM THAN I DO!

BUT I LEARNED THAT MUSIC WASN'T REID'S ONLY INTEREST! YOU MEAN YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT REID'S SPENDING A LOT OF TIME WITH LORENA HALL? OF COURSE SHE RUNS A RECORD SHOP AND THAT GIVES HIM A LOGICAL REASON!

A LOGICAL EXCUSE, YOU MEAN! THEY DON'T SEEM TO BE DISCUSSING MUSIC NOW!

Angered, I PHONED REID THAT NIGHT! AND IF YOU'RE SO BUSY, HOW CAN YOU FIND TIME FOR LORENA HALL?

I'D WANT YOUR COMPANY MORE IF YOU DIDN'T BREAK A MAN'S SPIRIT! I TOLD YOU I NEED A WOMAN'S ENCOURAGEMENT! I GET IT FROM LORENA!

BUT LISTEN TO ME, I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY MORE! SOB! I'M SORRY I BOTHERED YOU AND IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN!

I DIDN'T LET REID FINISH HIS SENTENCE, FOR MY ACHING HEART HAD GIVEN ME THE ANSWER! WE WERE THROUGH! AND HOW I LEARNED TO HATE LORENA HALL IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED!

REID'S THERE WITH HER AGAIN! WHY DO I STOOP TO SPYING ON HIM WHEN IT'S SO HOPELESS? OH, REID... REID, WHY DIDN'T I HAVE FAITH IN YOU?

I DIDN'T KNOW JEALOUSY WAS LIKE THIS... A DISEASE THAT TORMENTS YOU AND TEARS APART YOUR HEART! I HATE THAT WOMAN! I HATE HER!

BUT AMAZINGLY, ONE AFTERNOON! THERE WAS A CALL FOR YOU WHILE YOU WERE OUT TO LUNCH! LORENA HALL, IMAGINE! SHE WANTS YOU TO MEET HER AT HER RECORD SHOP AFTER WORK!

LORENA! SHE PROBABLY WANTS TO GLOAT OVER VICTORY! I WON'T GIVE HER THE SATISFACTION!

LOVE CONFESSIONS

BUT MY CURIOSITY WAS TOO STRONG, AND THAT NIGHT...

I SUPPOSE YOU CAME HERE DESPISING ME BECAUSE REID AND I ARE IN LOVE! BUT YOU'RE ONLY PARTLY RIGHT, ARLISS! YOU SEE... REID DOESN'T LOVE ME! HE'S NEVER GOING TO STOP LOVING YOU!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHY DO YOU WANT TO TELL ME THIS?



BECAUSE I WANT TO SEE REID HAPPY AND YOU'RE THE ONLY WOMAN WHO CAN DO THAT! HE FINDS ENCOURAGEMENT IN ME, BUT HE NEEDS YOUR FAITH AND YOUR LOVE! WITHOUT THAT, HE'LL ALWAYS BE A DISCOURAGED NOBODY... AS HE IS TODAY!



AND I HATED YOU! I ENVIED YOU! OH, LORENA, I HOPE I CAN MAKE IT UP TO YOU SOMEDAY!

YOU CAN... IF YOU STAND BY REID AND MAKE HIM A SUCCESS! I WISH I COULD DO IT, BUT HE'S YOURS!



Tears
STREAMED DOWN MY FACE AS I THANKED LORENA FOR HER SACRIFICE! I FOUND REID IN HIS STUDIO SOON AFTERWARD, RESPONDENT, HIS WORK NEGLECTED!

REID! OH, REID, WHAT HAVE I DONE TO YOU? WHY WAS I SUCH A FOOL?

ARLISS! I... I DIDN'T THINK I'D EVER SEE YOU AGAIN!



I'VE MADE MY CHOICE, DEAREST! I'VE GOT TO WAIT FOR YOU OR LOSE YOU FOREVER! AND I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT AT LEAST THE PROMISE OF YOUR LOVE!

SWEET-HEART! I CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT THOSE WORDS MEAN TO ME!



YOU'RE GOING TO BE A SUCCESS, REID! I KNOW IT! AND I'LL BE AT YOUR SIDE, NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES!

WITH YOUR ARMS WAITING FOR ME, DARLING, IT CAN'T TAKE LONG! BELIEVE IN MY DREAMS AND I'LL MAKE THEM REAL... FOR YOU!



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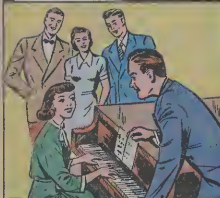
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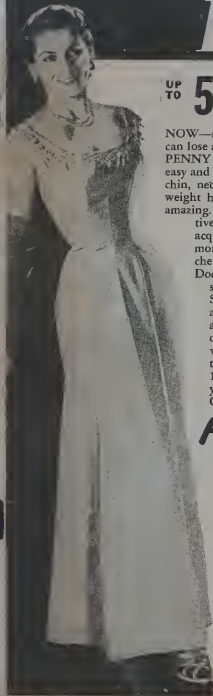
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